

Figurative Language Adventure with Pip and Zara

Learning objective: To identify and understand the use of similes, metaphors, and personification in descriptive writing.

Read the sentences carefully. Choose the correct answer for the multiple-choice questions, write 'True' or 'False' for the statements, and provide one-word answers where indicated. Aim for accuracy and pay attention to the descriptive techniques used.

Answer Key: 1. A (Simile), 2. False (It is a metaphor), 3. Personification, 4. B (Metaphor), 5. True, 6. Simile, 7. True, 8. Personification, 9. B (The sun is a golden coin), 10. False (It describes the wind as a person).

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Imagery · Comparison

1. 1. Pip the caterpillar said, 'My book is as light as a feather.' What technique is this? A) Simile* B) Metaphor C) Personification D) Onomatopoeia (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: 'The stars are diamonds in the night sky' is an example of a simile. (1 mark)

3. 3. Zara the zebra said, 'The trees whispered secrets to the wind.' What is this technique called? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these is a metaphor? A) He ran like the wind. B) The classroom was a zoo.* C) She is as tall as a giraffe. D) The rain tapped on the glass. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Personification gives human qualities to non-human objects or ideas. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the gap: 'The icy water felt like needles on my skin' is a _____. (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: A metaphor states that one thing IS another thing, rather than saying it is like something else. (1 mark)

8. 8. 'The angry storm growled at the little boat.' Which technique is used here? (1 mark)

9. 9. Which sentence contains a metaphor? A) The flower looked like a star. B) The sun is a golden coin.* C) The clouds floated softly. D) The grass was as green as emeralds. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: 'The clock ticked happily on the wall' is a simile. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Pip the caterpillar walking through a forest where the flowers are 'wearing colourful hats' (personification) and the dew drops are 'tiny crystal beads' (metaphor).



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why an author might choose to use a metaphor instead of a simile to describe a character's personality. 2. Compare and contrast how personification and imagery affect the reader's mood. 3. Justify your answer: Is 'The car groaned as it went up the hill' an effective use of personification? Why? 4. What might happen to a story if it contained no figurative language at all? 5. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a rainy day using at least one metaphor and one personification. 6. Challenge: Rewrite a simple sentence like 'The cat sat on the mat' using a sophisticated metaphor to make it sound more mysterious.